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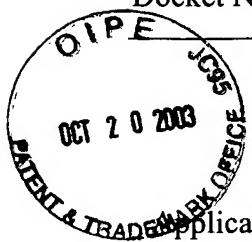
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 37 references that are of record in U.S. Patent No. 6,287,334, issued September 11, 2001 and U.S. Patent No. 6,605,112, issued August 12, 2003, which are the parents of this continuation application, and are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with an RCE or within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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